

# THE BASICS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Slavery Isn't Dead.

Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, is the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain. It is a form of modern-day slavery. Human trafficking enslaves at least 20 to 30 million men, women, and children each year.

Old Slavery	Modern-Day Slavery (Human Trafficking)
Legal ownership of human being as property High purchase cost Shortage of potential slaves Low short-term profits Long-term relationship (generations) Encouraged to reproduce Slaves maintained	No legal ownership of human being Low purchase cost Surplus of potential slaves Very high profits accrued very fast Short-term relationship (weeks/months/years) Prevented from conceiving Slaves disposable

**The two primary forms of trafficking are labor trafficking and sex trafficking.**

### Examples of Trafficking include:

- Forced and bonded labor
- Child labor
- Debt bondage among migrant laborers
- Involuntary domestic servitude
- Forced sex and sex trade
- Child prostitution
- Child soldiers

“From the girl forced into prostitution at a truck stop, to the man discovered in a restaurant kitchen, stripped of his passport and held against his will. All trafficking victims share one essential experience: the loss of freedom.” – Polaris

### Factors that facilitate trafficking include:

- Poverty
- Labor shortages or surpluses
- Corruption
- War and violent conflict
- Organized crime
- Racism
- Abuse and social violence
- Climate change and natural disasters
- Sexual and gender-based discrimination and violence
- Media images and cultural norms that promote internalized oppression

“Modern slaves are rarely held by chains, but instead slaveholders use violent force, fraud, and/or psychological coercion.” – The Free Project

### Trafficking in persons has been outlawed:

- Globally by three UN conventions known as the Palermo Protocols
- In the US by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and other legislation

<b>ACT</b> (one or more) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recruitment</li> <li>▪ Transport</li> <li>▪ Transfer</li> <li>▪ Harboring</li> <li>▪ Receipt of Persons</li> </ul>	+	<b>MEANS</b> (one or more) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Threats or use of force</li> <li>▪ Coercion</li> <li>▪ Abduction</li> <li>▪ Fraud</li> <li>▪ Deception</li> <li>▪ Abuse of power</li> <li>▪ Payments or benefits</li> </ul>	+	<b>PURPOSE</b> (one or more) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Slavery or similar practices</li> <li>▪ Force labor</li> <li>▪ Removal of organs</li> <li>▪ Sexual exploitation</li> <li>▪ Other exploitation</li> </ul>
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